(ii) Foreign Currency (FC) Loans: The FC loans sanctioned originally to these companies continue to earn the interest rates as stipulated in the agreements and there is no sacrifice on these loans.

(iii) As per the restructuring package, 40% of the rupee loans are converted into foreign currency loans carrying a fixed interest rate of 8% p.a.

(iv) The compound interest overdues are to be converted into zero coupon debentures.

(v) The charges by way of liquidated damages and penal interest over and above the compound interest are to be waived.

(vi) Part of the loans are being converted into equity capital of the companies. This conversion would take place after the existing equity capital of the companies is written down by 40%.

Circulation of fake currency notes

*378. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the large circulation of fake currency notes especially of Rs. 500 and Rs. 100 denomination in Bihar and in other parts of the country;

(b) if so, the number of cases detected in Bihar alongwith the amount involved; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to save the common man from this menace?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir, this has been observed, though, not as "large circulation".

(b) Data on fake currency is compiled by National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) who informs that fake currency notes recovered in

Bihar and their denominational value during the past three years is as under:—

Year	No. of pieces recovered	Value (Rs.)
2000	8074	15,80,400/-
2001	6867	15,39,010/-
2002 (upto March, 02)	4267	6,17,590/-

(c) The Government has taken a number of steps which *inter-alia,* include setting up a special unit in the Central Bureau of Investigation exclusively for investigation of counterfeit currency notes, stepping up of vigilance by the Border Security Force/Customs Authorities to prevent smuggling of fake currency notes into the country, incorporation of special security features in high denomination notes and dissemination of information on security features through print media and Doordarshan for the benefit of public. Further, based on the recommendations of the High Level Committee, some additional features have been approved for incorporation in the Indian bank notes which will make counterfeiting of Indian Bank Notes extremely difficult.

Expenditure on the protection of historical monuments in Gujarat

*379. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps for protection of historical monuments located in Gujarat especially in North Gujarat and Saurashtra-Kutch region of the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof and names of monuments for which grant is being provided; and

(c) the project-wise details of the expenditure incurred on maintenance of these monuments during the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.